

# The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend

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Introduced by: Councilman J. Mertz  
Introduction on: 04/05/2023



## ORDINANCE 2023-003 AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST COMPENSATION FOR TOWN COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, Section 7.2.3 of the Charter of the Town of Townsend states that  
“The Town Council may receive compensation for services to the Town as may be prescribed by ordinance.”; and

Mayor  
Scott Lobdell

Councilman  
Edgar Dugan

Councilman  
Joshua Mertz

Councilwoman  
Eschalla Clarke

Councilwoman  
Sheryl Rojas

Town Manager  
Antonina Tantillo, MPA.

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.1.1 of the Town of Townsend Charter state that  
“The government of the town and the exercise of all powers conferred by this Charter, except as otherwise provided therein, shall be vested in and exercised by the five (5) member Town Council composed of a Mayor and four (4) other members” thus making the Mayor an equal member to Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Townsend Charter describes the Powers of the Mayor in Section 4.6, as “serving as the head of the Town government for ceremonial purposes shall execute, on behalf of the Town, and only when authorized by Town Council majority vote, all agreements, contracts, bonds, deeds, leases, and other legal documents; shall issue and sign all licenses for every exhibition with the Town of Townsend for which a license thereof is, or may be required; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by any ordinance or resolution adopted by the Town Council.” and the Mayor’s duties are limited to several other duties in scope, and

**WHEREAS**, significant contributions are made to Town Council by all Council persons,

**WHEREAS**, no ordinance exists on record as to the compensation of the Town Council,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND** (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein), that the following **additions to the Town Code are made** as follows:

**A Council – Manager Municipality  
Located on the Web at [townsend.delaware.gov](http://townsend.delaware.gov)**

**Section 1.**

2.04.020 Relating to the Compensation of Town Council.

All members of the Town Council shall be compensated \$100 per month or \$1200 per year for their services to the Town.

**Section 2.**

This rate of Town Council compensation will be effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Adopted by at least a majority of the Council members of the Town of Townsend on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Public Hearing 05/24/2023

Final Reading

Adoption

Signed By

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**Scott Lobdell**

Mayor

Town of Townsend, Delaware

**SUMMARY**

**To enact an ordinance to allow for compensation to Town Council.**